

## Church Theme for 2017

**'Let us encourage each other as long as it is called today.' Heb. 10:23**

# Knowle Green Church

The Voice



**And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching**

**Hebrews 10 v 24–25  
New International Version**

**Feb 2017 - Apr 2017**

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## **Knowle Green Congregational Church**

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Knowle Green is an independent Church affiliated to the Congregational Federation. Our ultimate loyalty is to Christ Himself and to His Word. We seek in our dealings to be guided by the Holy Scriptures and aim to build a spiritual house worthy and fit for the Lord Jesus.

If you would like to know more about our fellowship here you are welcome to speak to our Pastor, who can be contacted at the Manse, or by telephone (see above) or speak to one of the Deacons on duty, who will be happy to provide more information.

Services are Open to all and you are invited to attend any or all.

### **9. 45am Devotional Service**

This takes place every Sunday morning excluding the 1st Sunday in the month. This Service is facilitated by a Church member. It is Devotional in orientation, is an open Service and attendees are encouraged (optional) to take part through reading of Scripture; sharing of testimonies; choose a hymn/Worship song etc. This Service offers you the opportunity to be still; Seek God and listen to what God through the Holy Spirit is saying; to share; encourage; bless and share in the Believers Breaking of Bread.

### **11.00am Family Service**

This is a traditionally structured family Service. It is led from the front by the Pastor of the Church (1st and 2nd of the month) and invited speakers thereafter.

### **2.30pm Agape Fellowship Meeting (1st Sunday ONLY)**

This is a 'MUST' for all. It takes place every 1st Sunday. We recognise the fact that increasingly Christians are becoming more isolated and marginalized hence this Service. It is more of a celebration/fellowship meeting. We share a meal (bring and share). This follows on after our usual tea/coffee recess. The gathering gives insight into the Church and the opportunity to meet Church members. We also recognise that we have a number who travel in and miss out on fellowship hence the need to be part of the family and enjoy each other's fellowship. Knowle Green remains unspoilt and is a designated 'Area of natural outstanding beauty'. On a good day take the opportunity to explore the Ribble Valley. If you have not come prepared (brought food with you) please do still join us. Your fellowship means a lot to us.

### **Visitors**

If you are visiting, we welcome you to the service. We hope that you will be at home with us and experience the presence of God as we worship together. If this is your first visit, please sign in the visitors' Book in the foyer and we would love you to stay with us for coffee after the service. On Sunday mornings we warmly invite visitors to make use of our crèche, children and young people activities. Please ask for the group relevant to your child's age.

## From the Pastor's Desk

**May you be blessed in this New Year.**

**"May those who bless you be blessed"** (Numbers 24:9)

You may have noticed immediately from my introduction that I have not wished you a 'Happy New Year'. Why is this? Firstly, I do not sit comfortably with the word happy or have an incline for the word. The word somehow seems devoid of deeper meaning and can seem superficial. Maybe with reservation '**joyous**' is my preferred word to use. We are living in very difficult and treacherous, 'toxic', times and if anything we want to know God's blessing '**for such a time as this**'. The word Bless on the other hand is accompanied with Divine authority and mandate. It is very rich in both content and meaning. The very first blessing invoked was by God Himself in Genesis, The Beginning, in the Old Testament.

God **blessed** them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply". (Gen. 1:22)

It is also a significant point to observe that the very first sermon in the New Testament (New Covenant) begins with the same word '**Bless**'. Jesus' first major public address was the 'Sermon on the mount'. (Mathew 5:1- 11) "**Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God**". (Matthew 5:3)

Jesus uses the word **Bless** 9 times in the Sermon. The book of Revelation also ends with a blessing. "**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city**". (Revelation 22: 14). The word is concurrent throughout the Scriptures.

The word "blessed" is ever active. Past, Present and Future. **Whenever the word is used in Scripture it is accompanied with either a divine impartation, visitation or a move of God.**

God it appears is not in the business of making us happy. He is in the business of Blessing and pouring out His blessing on His people and any who would call on Him even when they feel undeserving. '**He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?**' (Matthew 5:45). Blessing, when it is pronounced in the right spirit (not religiously as a matter of course) and in the appropriate manner has with it God's blessing and authority.

The Beneficiaries of a blessing are as those honoured, privileged, to be envied and receive favour when a blessing is conferred.

It is the greatest honour that anyone could confer on us, a blessing. When a blessing is invoked it often implies the person is conferring something with eternal value and significance. It should not be invoked in a casual manner but when we truly mean it and we are in a right relationship with God.

**"May those who bless you be blessed". (Nu 24:9)**

Let us look at some examples of its usage:-

**Blessed is the man who fears the Lord. (Psalm 112:1)**

**Bless all his skills, O Lord. (Psalm 72:11)**

**Blessed are those who maintain justice. (Psalm 106:3)**

**Blessed is the man who listens to me (Proverbs 8:34)**

**Blessed are all who wait for him (Isaiah 30:18)**

**Blessed is the man who has regard for the weak. (Psalm 41:1)**

My prayer is this, that The Almighty God of Heaven and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your family, the skills of your hands; the peace of your mind; your labour; plans; health and witness; and as a fellowship of believers we are encouraged and built up in Him and fulfil His calling to which we have been called, to reach the lost for Christ.

**The Lord Bless you and keep you;**

**The Lord make his face shine upon you;**

**The Lord be gracious to you;**

**The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace (now and throughout 2017). Number Chapter 6:6**



*God Bless*

*Pastor Chris*

*(Pastor Chris.)*

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
<b>February 5th</b>	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Tom Mellor	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
<b>February 12th</b>	Colin Procter Jean Procter	Isaac Okpoti	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
<b>February 19th</b>	Jean Hoole Joss Daune	Debbie Mills	Tom & Margaret Mellor
<b>February 26th</b>	Tony Jackson Margaret Mellor	Colin Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
<b>March 5th</b>	Sue Catlow Robin Clark	Margaret Mellor	Tony & Pat Jackson
<b>March 12th</b>	Michael Redmayne Jean Procter	Tony Jackson	Brian & Audrey Wynne
<b>March 19th</b>	Colin Procter Jean Hoole	Barbara Sutcliffe	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
<b>March 26th</b>	Tony Jackson Sue Catlow	Steve Gilday	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
<b>April 2nd</b>	Joss Daune Margaret Mellor	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
<b>April 9th</b>	Robin Clark Jean Procter	Ken Saunders	Tom & Margaret Mellor
<b>April 16th</b>	Michael Redmayne Jean Hoole	Jean Procter	Tony & Pat Jackson
<b>April 23rd</b>	Colin Procter Joss Daune	Andrew Rowland	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
<b>April 30th</b>	Sue Catlow Margaret Mellor	Mick Cooke	Brian & Audrey Wynne
<b>May 7th</b>	Robin Clark Michael Redmayne	Isaac Okpoti	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer

**Deadline** for articles for the next issue of Voice is: **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Please pass articles to Pastor Chris

or email them to:  
andrew.aco012000@gmail.com

#### Regular Weekly Fortnightly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	9.45am –10.30am	<b>Holy Communion and time of Open Worship</b>	Weekly ( <b>not the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</b> )
	11.00am –12noon	<b>Family Service</b>	Weekly
<b>Monday</b>	6.30pm-8.00pm	<b>Life of Faith Girls Group</b>	Alternate Weeks
	6.30pm-8.00pm	<b>Boys Club</b>	Alternate Weeks
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am-10.00am	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	Weekly
	7.30pm-9.30pm	<b>House Group @ the Manse</b>	Weekly (not 1 <sup>st</sup> week of the month)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.30pm-9.00pm	<b>House Group in Longridge</b>	Fortnightly

#### Regular Monthly/Quarterly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	11.00am-1200 noon	<b>Family Communion Service</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month
	2.30pm-3.30pm	<b>Agape Fellowship Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month
	6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>Gospel Service</b>	2nd Sunday in the month
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30pm-9.00pm	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month
	1.30pm—3.30pm	<b>Prayer for Israel</b>	2nd Tuesday of the month
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am	<b>Finance Group</b>	Usually last week of the month (or as required)
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am-3.00pm	ACE Home School Support/Fellowship Group	Usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of the month
	2.00pm-3.30pm	<b>Thursday Fellowship (All Ages)</b>	Usually last Thursday of the month
	7.30pm-9.00pm	Building Committee	Quarterly
<b>Friday</b>	6.30pm—7.30pm	<b>Pray for Persecuted Church</b>	1st Friday of the month
	7.00am-6.00pm	<b>Day of Prayer and fasting Prayer meeting</b>	Last Friday of the month
	7.30pm-9.00pm		
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am-12noon	<b>Bikers Breakfast - Last Saturday of the month</b>	Monthly ( <b>Mar-Oct</b> )
	9.00am-10.30am	<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	Quarterly

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES



## **Bring and Share Sunday Fellowship Meal**

**Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

I have been asked to explain the purpose of the **Agape Service** (Bring and Share Sunday Fellowship Meal).

It is an accepted fact that we can be in the same fellowship for years and not know each other. It is true that increasingly we are becoming ever busier and yet for others loneliness and isolations is the norm. Sunday for many is the only day (occasion) when the majority of us meet to see each other, and even this time together is but for a brief period. The ***Bring and Share*** fellowship gathering is ***a very precious occasion in the life of the fellowship***. I would even go so far as to say it affords us the opportunity of getting to know each other, breaks down barriers and facilitates and deepens the bonds of love and friendship between us. A loving family Church, I would suggest, is not birthed out of thin air. We have to make a concerted effort and the provision for it to happen. Being together can also be a time for those who happen to spend a lot of time on their own to engender a sense of belonging. Also, this meal gives opportunity to invite friends to meet the body of Christ. The food is provided by the generosity of individuals and families who attend. We encourage every one to bring enough to eat for themselves and a little extra for another. Vegetarian or non vegetarian, Kosher or non kosher. I emphasise that if for any reason you are not able to bring something please do not let this become a hindrance. We do not want you to miss out on the gathering together. ***Your fellowship and presence is most important to us.*** Our time together helps with the forging and building of relationships. We desire not to be strangers in the same fellowship. ***'Let us be a family of believers and not just Church goers'.*** It is only a once a month meeting so please make this a priority in your act of worship. After lunch we all clear up together and then continue with our time of worship. We always aim to finish roundabout 3.30pm. ***'Let us not give up meeting together and all the more as you see the day approaching'.*** (Heb 10:25)



## **Our motivation**

Toybox is committed to ending the global injustice of children living and working on city streets. Challenging injustice was the reason Toybox was created and it is the reason we still exist today. All organisations are motivated by something – and Toybox is no different. Toybox began when a couple, prompted by their Christian faith, decided to act. Today we continue to act motivated by that same Christian faith to see a world in which no child is forced to live or work on the streets.

## **How many are there?**

Although reliable figures are hard to obtain, the UN estimates the number of street children around the world to be in the **hundreds of millions**

## **Find out more about Toybox at:**

<https://www.toybox.org.uk/>

*If you would like a copy of Toybox's winter prayer diary see Andrew*



## Biker Breakfast

**Bikers Breakfast** resumes this coming March, Saturday 25th. This year will be exactly 10 years since it started. The outreach has been truly blessed in every way imaginable. Since its inception we have seen a number come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and personal Saviour. Others have had an early to Glory whom we shall see again in their robes of righteousness before the throne of Grace. The partnership with CMA (Christian Motorcyclist Association) has blossomed and grown from strength to strength and they have actively supported the mission



agenda. We have been tremendously blessed with willing volunteers for the entire period. I cannot over emphasise my gratitude for your faithful service.

You have been tremendous. It goes to prove the point



that we can 'think outside the box'. The Bikers Breakfast above and beyond have exposed Knowle Green Church beyond the local boundaries and even exported the concept into Coniston, Lake District. Another successful Bikers Breakfast. An area we could further develop is



the prayer side. As it happens the Bikers Breakfast always falls the day after the End of Month day of prayer and fasting the last Friday each month which gives us a wonderful opportunity to pray.

**Saturday, April 29; May, 27; June, 24; July, 29.**

## Prayer for Israel

We meet to pray for Israel in the cabin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 1.30pm—3.30pm.

The next meetings will take place on:

**13th February 2017**

**13th March 2017**

**10th April 2017**



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## IT Team

An exciting opportunity arises to join the important IT team at the church. This rapidly expanding witness requires new members. If you have previous experience and good computer knowledge, great. If you have limited computer knowledge, great. If you have very basic computer knowledge, great.

This is an opportunity to increase your knowledge and computer confidence. Lack of experience is no barrier, age is no barrier. All we need is enthusiasm, reliability and the desire to bring the Word of God to the people in a modern attractive manner. If you feel this is for you, please have a word with Isaac, Andrew or Jonathan.

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## End of Month Day of Prayer and Fasting Prayer Meeting

**Prayer and Fasting for th Mission, Church, Community, Nation, Israel /Middle East, Outreach, local/Personal needs.**

**Time: 7:30pm – 9.00pm**

**Venue: Knowle Green Sunday School Building The last Friday each month.**

Please come and join us!

**Remember there is a prayer meeting every Tuesday morning 9.00am to 10.00am all are welcome.**

## Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

**When:** 1st Thursday of every month  
**Where:** 1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire,  
Nr. Blackburn  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Tel.** 01254 240893



A Life of Faith Girls Club exists to provide an encouraging and inspiring environment for mentoring young girls, primarily ages 6 to 16. The objective of the Club is to help each club member develop a life of Faith.

We look at a range of issues including forgiveness, rejection, truthfulness, jealousy and more through using the historical fiction novels of Martha Finley. The main characters - Elsie Dinsmore, Millie Keith and Laylie Colbert serve as excellent role models to teach us faith and godly living as a lifestyle.

The evening sessions include dressing up, baking, drama, craft and the much-loved tea party!

### Forthcoming Events in 2017

**February** - 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>rd</sup>

**March** - 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**April** - 19<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**Meetings start at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm**

## Every 1st Sunday Agape Fellowship Meal

It is good to note attendance in numbers continues to increase month after month and we are thankful to God for the encouragement we can draw from the meeting and the messages we have received. We would encourage those who attend to please bring enough food for yourselves and another. If in doubt about what to bring please speak to: Julie or Maureen.

### Agape Service 2.30pm—3.30pm

Speakers:

5th Feb - Robin Clark  
5th Mar - Capernwray Students  
2nd Apr - Joss Daune

## Men's Breakfast

This is a quarterly held event to encourage each other and get to know each other. Please do join us and invite a friend. We eat at 9.00am and finish at 11.00am. All men welcome. Additional help is always appreciated with the cooking.

**Date:- TBC**

**Time:- 9.00am**

**Venue:- Sunday School**

### The DVD Library is now Open!

We have a growing number of DVDS now in the church bookcase.

Please ask Jean or Mel for details.

DVD's can be borrowed for up to 2 weeks and they include great teaching DVDs/CDs by Derek Prince...Do have a look and we pray this resource will bless you

This is a **Ministry** with the aim of sharing the gospel; to encourage and bless through DVD's.

All DVD's will be secured in a locked cabinet and only accessible via Jean Hoole / Mel Gilday







## Boys Club

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Tel: 01254 878394

**When: Every other Monday Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm**

**Age Group: 6-16year olds**

**Forget the gadgets: Wii; Xbox; Computer; Blackberry.**

**Upcoming meetings in 2017 are:**

<b>February</b>	-	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>March</b>	-	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>April</b>	-	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>

### Preaching Plan February 2017 to April 2017

#### **February 2017**

5th Mandy Hunter & Mel Welch (Charis Ministries)

12th Pastor Chris

19th Rev Colin Le Noury

26th Barry Holden

#### **March 2017**

5th Pastor Chris

12th Pastor Chris

19th Rev Brian Grist

26th Mother's Day prize giving Sunday  
school

#### **April 2017**

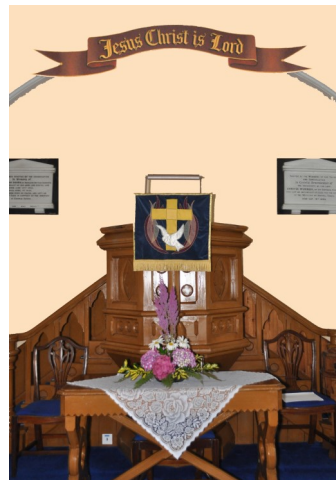
2nd Pastor Chris

9th Pastor Chris

16th Easter Sunday—Pastor Chris

23rd Gwyneth Jones

30th Robin Clark



## Charis Ministries Update 2016/17

'Let the rivers of your justice flow through us. Let us hear the cries of the poor, the oppressed, the broken. Let us be your hands and feet and lead us to the widow and the orphan.' (Compassion Art CD)

Isaiah 58: 6-12 remains one of the key biblical passages, which informs our GRACE calling and work amongst the poor of Mozambique. We continue to believe that reaching out practically with the love of God to the poor, oppressed, forgotten, those suffering, alongside sharing the message of Christ's saving work on the Cross, defines a proper relationship with God and is true religion. As 'we spend ourselves on behalf of the poor' we believe the light of Christ will shine and others will come to know God. (Matthew 5:14-16).

We are delighted to share how God has led us to reach out to the street boys in Vilanculos in 2016. What started out as a simple invitation to 2 street boys, Xavier and Pasqual, to come and have a meal at our Vilanculos Centre, has developed into a regular twice weekly Kids Bible Club and Sunday Beach Church. The word spread quickly and 2 became 4, 4 became 8 and now there are about 15 street boys plus other local needy children attending the Centre's activities. Most of the street boys are aged between 12-15 and have similar sad stories: their parents have died, they were sent to extended family, mostly grandmas, who had no food, so they ran away to the live on the streets of Vilanculos and sleep in the market.

Joana teaches them from the bible after which we provide a meal of rice and beans or fish and they then play games. They finish by going to wash at the lake and change into the clothes we have provided.

Vision for 2017 To help the work with the children and those in need we plan to put in water and electricity on the land then build a shower and toilet block. Joana has to carry water in a bucket from the pump at the church, which although not too far, is difficult, because cooking, washing etc. requires many buckets per day! We will need to install a water pump, then build a structure for the water tank to stand on. We are trusting God for provision to carry out His work.

**Blessings, Mel & Mandy**

## Information Aid

### **Pin it up**

On looking through an old Bible, I found the following list:

"If dispirited, **read Psalm 27.**

If your pocket-book is empty, **read Psalm 37.**

If people are unkind, **read John, Ch. 15.**

If discouraged about your work, **read Psalm 126.**

If out of sorts, **read Hebrews, Ch. 12.**

If losing confidence in men, **read 1 Corinthians Ch. 13.**

If you can't have your own way, **keep silent read James, Ch. 3.**

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### Food 4 Thought

"Believing you shouldn't worry can be something else to worry about"

"A Spiritual dead person does not know he is dead because he cannot feel the weight of sin. A living person on the other hand is much alive because they know the heartache in carrying dead weight". **Watson**

'If you didn't have any problems you wouldn't know if God could solve them' **Andre Crouch**

'We grow where we are planted'. **Peter Chadwick**

If you want God's power, do not climb upwards, bend downwards.  
"When I was a young Christian, I thought that God kept His gifts on shelves and the best gifts were on the highest shelves and I would have to reach up. I learned later the best gifts are on the lowest shelf and I had to stoop down". **Dwight Moody.**

## Arriving Shortly - Capernwray Bible School Students

**10 day outreach – 24<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The students will be visiting us for the preliminary weekend, which is from **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** The students will then return again for a 10 day outreach work. It is always an exceptionally busy time. It is customary to encourage Church involvement. We would kindly ask you to consider if there is any way practically that you can help. This may include but not necessarily inviting them over to your house for tea/lunch, helping at the holiday at home, or a coffee morning, praying for the students and those they will meet and witness to.

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Nathan Shigeta



Abigail Goodrich



Janna Cottingham

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**Please make a note of these dates in your diary.**

Wednesday, 1st March 2017 – Thursday, 2nd March 2017.  
Capernwray students anchor this programme. Two days of solid joy and laughter; poetry; a time of sharing; Testimony and an opportunity to have a deeper insight into the lives of the students and how God is at work in and through them. This is an opportunity to practically show the love of God to many and give the message of the Gospel.  
Think and pray about who to invite, a neighbour, friend or family member





## Raising A Standard Family Bible Week

Saturday 29th July - Friday 4th August (eve) 2017



**"Laying the foundation, building and  
completing the right house"**

Matthew 7 vs 24-27

Top Barn, Holt Heath, Worcester. WR6 6NH

The Bible Week in the summer of 2016 was exceptional in the way the whole week happened.

People were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, delivered, healed and baptised

Contact email:- [rasfbw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rasfbw@yahoo.co.uk)

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**Loving hearts are gardens,  
Loving thoughts are roots,  
Loving words are flowers,  
And good works their fruits.**

(Author Unknown)

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### COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF CHARITY

**With the Capernwray outreach team.**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Tuesday.**

**Time: 10.00am – 12.00noon**

**Venue: Knowle Green Church Sunday School building.  
Cakes and scones will be gratefully received.**

## EASTER MORNING....

As dawn crept o'er the garden fair,  
Around the vault where Jesus lay,  
The heavy-hearted women came,  
Their last solemn dues to pay  
To Him through the gladsome years  
Their hearts and souls so strangely stirred,  
Who healed their hurts, who stilled their fears,  
Who spake the True and Living Word.

A glance within the opened tomb,  
The message of the angel given,  
On joyous eager feet they run  
To tell the news: The Lord is risen;  
The promise made has been fulfilled;  
Within the tomb He may not stay;  
But bursting from the bonds of death  
Comes forth this first glad Easter day.

With joyful hearts repeat the news  
To men bowed down with grief and pain;  
O'er sin and death the victory's won;  
The Lord returns with us to reign.  
Triumphant o'er the powers of Hell,  
The gates of life He opens wide.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Exalt His name!  
The risen Lord be glorified!

***E.R.Bingham***

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The Resurrection



In the years prior to 1996 Dr Terence Ascott was concerned as to how modern satellite TV could be used to spread the gospel in closed countries where missionaries could hardly go. He worked in Christian publishing but could see no way to fulfil his dream, and yet he and began to seek support for his ideas. The

first broadcast started in May 1996 with a two hour broadcast in Arabic. They now have five channels operating 24/7. Three in Arabic (one dedicated children's channel) one in Turkish and one in Farsi. They cover 21 countries and 500 million people. They have had 1.7 million downloads of their YouTube videos and even more via Facebook .

SAT7 is Christian Television by and for the people of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

It is:- **Making the love of God visible** – to millions of families who would have no access to it.

**Making the local church visible** –in places where Christians often remain invisible to society.

**Making rights and freedoms visible** – challenging discrimination against people because on their faith, gender, disability or social standing.

**Making the love of Jesus visible** – to all members of the family in the privacy of their own homes.

SAT7 is a faith ministry and relies completely on the generous giving of Christians around the world, yet in spite of the great need in the region, less than 1% of all charitable donations to Christian causes goes to ministries working in MENA. It costs less than £1 to bring SAT7 Christian programming to one viewer 24/7 for an entire year.

"SAT7 is such a good idea because it reaches right into people's homes. We in the West should get behind this ministry now – urgently ---Lord David Alton, Knowle Green.

"SAT7 is the only Christian Television that is understood by the people of the Middle East – I love their ministry" Cannon Andrew White – Vicar of Baghdad.

Joan and I pray for this ministry. For safety for their studios and all their workers operating in Lebanon, Cairo and Cyprus. For wisdom as they produce programs and respond to the thousands of enquiries that come in every year. For lonely, fearful Christians to be encouraged in their faith and for Muslims to continue to give their lives to Jesus Christ.

**Robin Clark.**

## **Annual Congregational Ladies Rally**

A Date for your diary ladies:-

Day: Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2017, Time: 2.30pm

To be held this year at Inglewhite Chapel

Speaker: Mrs Mary Mills

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### **Easter**

**Good Friday Family Service 11.00AM**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**There will be a further Service in Ribchester Village Park at 12.00 Noon**

**2.00pm – Good Friday Community walk led by Colin Procter.**

**(Meet at Knowle Green Church Car Park) join us afterwards for light refreshment**

**Easter Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**6.00am – Sunrise Service on Jeffery Hill**

**(Meet at the car park on Jeffery Hill) followed by breakfast at Knowle Green Church).**

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### **End of Month Prayer and Fasting**

We are truly blessed in this that we are a fellowship with the desire to want to pray. Just look at the various prayer meetings. Why not make 2017 one of your commitments to attend one of the prayer groups. Your presence is such an encouragement to us and you would be most welcome at any of the prayer meetings.

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### **Flower Rota**

Thank you to all our ladies for using their God given gifts in this ministry. Any ladies wishing to be included on the new rota please speak to Julie Okpoti.